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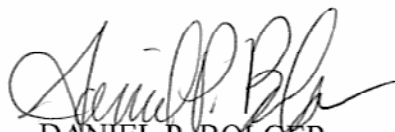
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Thanksgiving Day Safety Message

1. President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Thanksgiving Day holiday into law in 1941. We equate Thanksgiving to big family gatherings and lots of good food. On this Thanksgiving we must give thanks to the many Soldiers that fight so that we may celebrate this holiday.
2. Over this holiday, we must adhere to the following rules when traveling:
  - a. Make sure your vehicle is in sound running order; plan your trip and allow for extra time if traveling in adverse weather and for taking rest breaks. Privately owned vehicle accidents that include motorcycles and ATVs are the number one killer of our Soldiers. The use of public conveyance is strongly recommended for traveling long distances over short periods of time.
  - b. Wear your seat belt; as it is the law. Obey the posted speed limits especially during bad weather. Remember if your windshield wipers are in use, your headlights must be on.
  - c. The approved rider's course is required for operating motorcycles and ATVs both on and off duty. Riders must wear the proper personal protective equipment. Hunters must wear the bright orange vest and hat when hunting. All hunters should take a hunter's safety course.
3. Most house fires start in the kitchen. Never leave hot oil or grease unattended. If frying your turkey, do it outdoors and away from children and pets.
4. I wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving and I want all of the JRTC and Fort Polk and surrounding community to have a wonderful holiday.

  
DANIEL P. BOLGER  
Brigadier General, USA  
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